

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18 as follows:

-- The acupuncture needle container and dispenser **10** further comprises the cylindrical inserter **50** having an insertion tube **70** with a longitudinal slit **72** to receive an individual acupuncture needle **AN** from the plurality of acupuncture needles **AN** moving through the formed channel **60**, a plunger **80** that fits into the insertion tube **70** and pushes the acquired individual acupuncture needle **AN** through the cylindrical inserter **50**, the plunger **80** having a protruding twisting handle **90** that has indicia ~~(not shown)~~ **74** coinciding with the position of the longitudinal slit **72** on the insertion tube **70**. The plunger **80** pushes the acquired individual acupuncture needle **AN** from the cylindrical inserter **50** into an extrusion guide tube **100** for use by a user.--